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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Worldwide Briefing of the Defense and Military Construction Subcommittees, House Appropriations Committee, 23 February 1982

1. On 23 February 1982, John McMahon, Executive Director, accompanied by seven NIO's presented a Worldwide Intelligence briefing to the Defense and Military Construction Subcommittees, House Appropriations Committee. The briefing was held in Room H-140, The Capitol. It began at 1000 hours and ended at 1220 hours. Material presented was at the TOP SECRET/CODEWORD level. The House Reporters took the transcript. [redacted] 25X1

2. Representative Joseph P. Addabbo (D., NY) was in the chair for most of the briefing. Chairman Jamie L. Whitten (D., MS) of the Full Committee was present for a brief time. Present from the Subcommittees were: [redacted] 25X1

Bill Chappell, Jr. (D., FL)
John P. Murtha (D., PA)
Norman D. Dicks (D., WA)
Charles Wilson (D., TX)
W. G. (Bill) Hefner (D., NC)
William V. Alexander (D., AR)
Clarence D. Long (D., MD)

Joseph M. McDade (R., PA)
C. W. Bill Young (R., FL)
Ralph S. Regula (R., OH)
Tom Loeffler (R., TX)

3. Present from the staff were: [redacted] 25X1

Ralph Preston
John Plashal
Sandy Gilbert
Austin Short
Mark Murray

Jim Van Wagenen
Pete Murphy
George Allen
Terry Peel

4. In his opening statement, the Chairman said that the briefing would focus on intelligence and that neither budget nor covert activities would be addressed. Once or twice during the question period the Members had to be reminded of the Chairman's opening admonition. Mr. McMahon covered the U.S.S.R., Middle East, Central America, Southeast Asian, and Europe. [redacted] 25X1
provided an economic outlook for several key countries. [redacted] 25X1

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5. During the question and answer period Representative Murtha asked for more details on the chemical warfare in Laos. Representative Regula was interested in the Soviet strategic strength and their ability to wage a prolonged conflict. Representative Dicks aksed how the Soviet Union generates its income. Representative McDade asked for an assessment of the stability of Egypt. He also wanted to know if Pakistan had the bomb. Another question he asked was for the weekly and total number of Soviet casualties in Afghanistan. We will also get figures for him on the number of Soviet aircraft downed in the last two years in Afghanistan. Representative Alexander had some questions on our long-range strategic planning vis-a-vis the Soviet Union. He said that he had some material he wanted to send to us and would like to speak to us more on this subject. Representative Loeffler had questions about Mexico's relations with and attitude toward Nicaragua. Representative Wilson and other had questions about Central America. Both Mr. McMahon and [redacted] responded to these questions. Further details on the briefing can be obtained from the transcript. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

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